

## WRECKED TRAIN OPENLY LOOTED

Detectives Catch Men  
Robbing Cars, But Did  
Not Arrest Them.

## SAID TO BE MEN IN ROAD'S EMPLOY

Two Men Had Booty in Their  
Possession, But Were Al-  
lowed to Go Free, De-  
spite the Protests  
of the By-  
standers.

PITTSBURG, PA., February 24.—The  
bill for lost valuables and clothing in  
the Pennsylvania flyer wreck at Min-  
necott yesterday will amount to  
many thousands of dollars, and al-  
ready agents of road, are working to  
get at the amount which each passen-  
ger had before the wreck, and on what  
terms a settlement can be made.

A man who returned to-day from  
the wrecked train describes scenes of  
yesterday as little short of revolting.  
Persons who had no business near the  
wreck gained access to the crushed  
and broken cars, and it is safe to as-  
sume that many of the valuables  
dropped by the injured of the wreck  
were carried away by those who should  
have been arrested the moment they  
came into sight. The small force of  
detectives on hand were seen to make  
enough persons disgorge valuables to  
sustain the belief that all valuables  
were not recovered.

## Released the Thieves.

For a time yesterday the combination  
smoking and baggage car "Kokomo,"  
which alone of the train remained on  
the track, was turned into a temporary  
jail for the detention of those caught  
loitering around or pilfering the wrecked  
cars. Later the prisoners were released  
because the railroad detectives had no  
time to take care of them.

A Pittsburg business man of much  
note reached the scene of the wreck to  
look after some papers for a friend.  
This man discovered suspicious-looking  
characters in the "Aolia," one of the  
wrecked cars, and he hurried with the  
alarm that the car was being looted.  
The detectives dashed into the car and  
dragged out two men, from whom they  
took a very valuable looking gold watch  
and some other valuables.

"Why not arrest these men?" said a  
bystander.

## INJURED REPORTED DOING EXCELLENTLY

Postmaster Kline, of Joliet, Has  
Punctured Lung—No  
Death Yet.

PITTSBURG, PA., February 24.—The  
condition of the passengers injured in  
the wreck of the Pennsylvania special,  
near South Fork, six miles from John-  
stown, Pa., shortly after midnight Sat-  
urday, is reported to-night from the  
Altoona Hospital and the Allegheny  
Hospital, in this city, as being excel-  
lent. John F. Kline, postmaster of  
Joliet, Ill., who is the most seriously  
injured, passed a favorable day. In  
addition to many cuts and bruises, Mr.  
Kline sustained a puncture of the lung.  
It is said at the Altoona Hospital to-  
night that he will recover, however,  
unless complications set in.

## GIRL FINDS PLAYMATE IN A VICIOUS WOLF

Animal Terrorizes Town, But  
Responds to Child's Pating.

BEAVER, PA., February 24.—A  
vicious gray wolf, kept in captivity  
here for some weeks by Wilson Wat-  
terson, escaped from his cage, some  
days ago and terrorized the town day  
and night, tearing at least two large  
dogs to pieces.

Friday evening a Mrs. Binge, living  
in the lower part of town, went out  
to look for her daughter, Nina, five  
years old, who had been sled riding,  
and found the tot standing by the  
big gray wolf in the centre of the  
street, patting him and gurgling. "Nice  
doggie, nice doggie."

The mother, almost faint, called to  
her child to come away from the  
"nice doggie who might bite," and  
with tears the little one obeyed. She  
had stepped but a short distance from  
the big wolf when the crack of a fire-  
arm was heard and the mother saw  
another man had been nearby, try-  
ing to get a shot at the wolf, when  
he ran up and began to fondle

## CITY IS SWEEPED BY SLEET STORM

Cars Delayed, But No  
Serious Damage Done  
Anywhere.

## WIRES BROKEN BY WEIGHT OF ICE

Telegraph Pole Near Third and  
Main Streets Fell—Railroads  
Keeping Lines Open With  
Difficulty—Con-  
ditions Else-  
where.

Covered by several inches of snow  
that turned first to ash and then  
froze stiff under the wintry night air,  
Richmond spent one of the most dreary  
and disagreeable Sundays in the his-  
tory of the city. A freezing rain dur-  
ing the afternoon threatened serious  
damage to trees and wires from frost,  
but the precipitation ceased entirely  
about dark and by midnight a full  
moon was in the sky again, and the  
clouds were breaking.

The snow began about 4 A. M. and  
fell on frozen ground, in a fine sifting  
powder, which rapidly covered every-  
thing. The precipitation continued  
without intermission until about 1  
o'clock in the afternoon, when more  
than three inches was recorded. The  
quality of the downpour then began  
gradually to change, first to sleet and  
then to a cold, fine rain, which made  
the afternoon as dismal as any the  
city has ever known. By dusk the  
rain was again freezing to trees, on  
wires and in car grooves, and the night  
that followed was a rough one, only a  
few venturing out to the evening ser-  
vice, and the streets being nearly de-  
serted by 10 o'clock.

## Street Cars Delayed.

Where the snow was blown ice  
formed, making a slippery and dangerous  
walkway. The coating on the wires  
caused much delay in the street-railway  
service, and nearly every car made a  
greenish flame of light where the cur-  
rent passed over the ice-covered wires.  
The equally ice-caked trolley wheels.  
The company had its big sweepers out  
during the day keeping the tracks open,  
and men were stationed at the crossings  
and curves. Superintendent Buchanan,  
of the Passenger and Power Com-  
pany, reported last night that all the  
lines were in operation and that the  
worst of the storm seemed to have  
passed.

A pole carrying light wires gave way  
under the weight of the ice near Third  
and Main Streets and made the pas-  
sage of Third Street appear rather dan-  
gerous.

The wires, however, held. The  
wagons were summoned out for small  
breakages last night, but officials of  
the electric company said that no so-  
rious trouble had been reported.

The telephone service was also  
somewhat damaged by the storm, a  
number of "phones" being put out of  
commission, especially in the suburbs.

Repair gangs will be sent out early  
to-day. It is thought that for sev-  
eral days the damage has been com-  
paratively light.

The telegraph companies had good  
connections to the North last night,  
but those south of Richmond were se-  
verely injured, connections being cut  
off from the Chesapeake and section of  
Eastern North Carolina.

The railroads entering Richmond re-  
ported that their lines were being kept  
open with some difficulty. The Ches-  
apeake and Ohio had all its passenger  
trains on time, or nearly so, late last  
night, but the roads North and South  
have been considerably delayed.

The storm seems to have hit Southside  
Virginia with more force than in  
Northern sections, as much delay was  
occasioned south of the city.

About the missions were the usual  
storm scenes. A large gathering of  
men were in the halls of the Method-  
ist church, and the full capacity of  
the men's dormitories was tested last  
night.

All the charitable organizations of  
the city repeat their call on the pub-  
lic for old clothes, as a steady demand  
for warm clothing exists with every  
winter storm.

Superintendent Davis, of the city's  
charities, was making arrangements  
last night for delivering small loads  
of wood to-day to a large number of  
poor people. A large amount of private  
aid is being given, and the organiza-  
tions of the public in meeting the situation.

## LT. GOVERNOR SNOWBALL DROPPED DEAD IN STREET

FREDERICKTOWN, N. J., February  
24.—After a Bunting Snowball, Lieu-  
tenant Governor of New Brunswick,  
dropped dead to-night in Queen Street  
while on his way to attend service in  
the cathedral. His death was due to  
heart disease. He opened the session of  
the Legislature on February 14th,  
and has since been daily at his office  
in the Parliament Building. He suf-  
fered a slight attack of the grip last  
week.

Governor Snowball was seventy  
years old. He was head of the Snow-  
ball Company, manufacturers and ex-  
porters of lumber in Chatham.

## SENATOR DOLLIVER'S BROTHER DIES SUDDENLY

PORT DODGE, IOWA, February  
24.—Victor B. Dolliver, forty-six years  
of age, a brother of Senator Dolliver,  
of Iowa, was found dead in bed to-  
night. Dolliver went to bed Saturday  
night apparently in good health. He  
had apparently died while asleep. An  
inquest will be held to-morrow.

Dolliver was known in Iowa as a  
campaign orator, a business man and  
benefactor of Morningside College, of  
Sioux City.

## OFFICERS OF BOARD OF VISITORS OF PROPOSED UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND



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## THE WALLAU CASE IS A MYSTERY

Chemists Find Mercury in the  
Stomach of the Dead  
Woman.

## NURSES TELL STRANGE STORY

It Is Now Thought Mrs. Binge  
May Have Committed Suicide  
by Poison.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, February 24.—When  
the case of Mrs. Lottie Wallau, under  
\$50,000 bail, on the charge of murder-  
ing her mother, Mrs. Ida Binge, by  
slow poison, is taken before the grand  
jury some day this week, Dr. Joseph  
H. Deghewie, of the Lederle laboratory,  
of this city, will be a star witness.

Dr. Deghewie, with Professor Ru-  
dolph A. Witthaus, received the stom-  
ach and internal organs of the dead  
woman for chemical analysis and  
microscopical examination. He has al-  
ready made a partial report to the  
district attorney, and bears out Pro-  
fessor Witthaus, who found nearly a  
grain of mercury in one-half of one  
kidney. As soon as Dr. Deghewie is  
ready, the case will be taken before  
the grand jury.

## Traces of Mercury.

Professor Witthaus will be a witness  
and Dr. Peter T. Austen, who found  
mercury in the samples of milk and  
champagne given him by Miss Cleve-  
land, the trained nurse, will complete  
the trio of chemical experts.

The other witnesses will include Miss  
Devine, the nurse who, with Miss Cleve-  
land, says a tablet, supposedly of cor-  
rosive sublimate, was dissolved in the  
bottle of champagne that Mrs. Wallau  
handed them to administer to the sick  
woman.

Dr. Samuel Gluck, the family physi-  
cian, and the household servants will  
also be witnesses.

## May Have Been Suicide.

Mrs. Wallau's phenomenal coolness  
and lack of emotion during the pro-  
ceedings of her arrest and incarceration in the  
"Tomb" have caused widespread com-  
ment. But it has not all been unfa-  
vorable to the prisoner. There is a be-  
lief that possibly the wealthy widow,  
who had been a sufferer for years, ad-  
ministered the poison to herself, hoping  
for death as a relief from pain. Much  
sympathy is expressed not only for Mrs.  
Wallau, who has many friends and an  
assured position, but for her husband,  
Leopold.

Mr. Wallau showed much  
greater distress than his wife during  
the coroner's court and Police Court  
proceedings. He is an importer of  
bronze powders here. His business is  
not extensive, and whatever money there  
was in the family was in the hands of  
his wife and mother-in-law.

## VISITORS MEET AGAIN TO-MORROW

Board of University of Richmond  
Will Consider Question of  
Charter.

## MUCH DISCUSSION OF PLANS

Present Site of Richmond Col-  
lege Suggested for Public  
Park—Other Matters.

Many advantages of the proposed Uni-  
versity of Richmond are just beginning  
to come to light, as citizens turn the pro-  
ject over in their minds. While the pub-  
lic is digesting the scheme, however, the  
board of visitors is moving forward with  
all diligence toward affecting an organi-  
zation and securing the necessary char-  
ter.

A meeting has been called for to-mor-  
row afternoon at the Merchants Na-  
tional Bank building, Eleventh and Main  
Streets, at 4:30 o'clock. It is thought  
that at this time the committee on char-  
ter will be able to report a set of suit-  
able by-laws for the future conduct of  
the board in its work, and as soon as  
the legal requirements can be met and  
the formalities gone through with, the  
visitors will transact considerable busi-  
ness, as committees will be appointed on  
finance, on site, on architecture, and on  
relations with the independent colleges.

The resignation of Mr. T. C. Williams,  
Jr., as a member, because of conflicting  
duties, is before the board, and may be  
acted on to-morrow, and if accepted, the  
visitors will probably at once elect some  
one to fill the vacancy.

## Many Suggestions.

Among the suggestions that have been  
made looking to the benefit of the city is  
that if Richmond College accepted the  
terms of the University Corporation and  
moved to some site in the suburbs, the  
municipality acquire the present college  
tract, occupying four city blocks in a  
most desirable section of the city, and  
convert it into a public park and play-  
ground. The advocates of this plan say  
that at present Richmond has absolutely  
no place where the children can obtain  
fresh air and exercise; that the child-  
ren of some of the best families are  
growing up in the streets, both in dan-  
ger of life and in defiance of city ordi-  
nances. One gentleman called attention  
to the fact that between Leigh Street  
and the river, from the Capitol Square  
to the Lee monument, there was not  
an available public lot on which  
the boys of Richmond could have a  
game of baseball without fear of the  
police.

A prominent lecturer said some time  
ago, in speaking of the conventional  
city parks, with their inevitable "Keep  
off the grass" signs, that when some  
Eastern explorer discovers this coun-  
try a thousand years hence, and ex-  
cavates the great cities, he will come  
to the solemn conclusion that the peo-

ple had no parks, and that the children  
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isfaction and it was denied us; we  
agreed to accept whatever decision the  
arbitration court might render, but  
President Benitez, of Honduras, dissolved  
the court by withdrawing the Honduran  
arbitrator.

"Nicaragua has triumphed in four  
combats over the Honduran forces with-  
out suffering one defeat. Our forces are  
to-day in the territory of Honduras."  
(Signed) "President of Nicaragua."

## TWO MORE WRECKS ON PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg Express Ran Into Open  
Switch and Passengers Are  
Panicstricken.

## THE OFFICIALS ARE SILENT

New York Train, While Running  
Into Station, Has Accident and  
Telescopes Cars.

PITTSBURG, PA., February 24.—The  
Philadelphia express on the Pennsylv-  
ania Railroad, due to arrive here at  
6:35 to-night, ran into an open switch  
in the yards at Sixteenth Street about  
7 o'clock to-night.

The ambulances of the Western  
Pennsylvania and Allegheny general  
hospitals, were hurriedly summoned to  
the Union station, but according to  
the railroad officials and hospital physi-  
cians, no one was injured.

The New York express, due here at  
7 o'clock, narrowly escaped running  
into the Philadelphia train, and caused  
a panic among the already frightened  
passengers.

One coach on the Philadelphia train  
was telescoped and two others de-  
railed. The train was late and was  
running faster than usual through the  
yards. Although the accident occurred  
almost in the heart of the city it was  
some time before it became known.

The first report said a number of pas-  
sengers had been seriously injured, and  
many newspaper reporters were  
rushed to the Sixteenth Street yards.

Aside from stating that no person had  
been injured, all information was re-  
fused.

## ZELAYA CLAIMS A COMPLETE VICTORY

Says Honduras Brought on the  
War and Withdrew From  
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## STROTHER MURDER ON TRIAL TO-DAY

Some Doubt of Securing  
a Jury From Shenan-  
doah Venire.

## MRS. BYWATERS THE STAR WITNESS

Counsel for Defense Believe That  
the "Unwritten Law" Will  
Clear the Prisoners—Peo-  
ple Anxious to Hear  
Wife's Story of  
the Killing.

CULPEPER, VA., February 24.—  
Counsel on both sides in the Strother-  
Bywaters murder case are making  
preparations for beginning the trial of  
the case in court to-morrow morn-  
ing. Some of the fifty jurors sum-  
moned from Shenandoah county have  
already reached here, and others are  
expected to-morrow, but it is thought  
the majority of them will not arrive  
until Monday morning. Judge Harri-  
son was careful to instruct Deputy  
Sheriff Bowersett to let the talesmen  
know by what train they would have  
to travel, in order to reach here on  
time Monday. It is thought most of  
them will come over the Strasburg  
division of the Southern Railway  
changing cars at Manassas. The time  
to reach here Monday morning about  
8:30 o'clock, should the train be on  
time.

There was nothing surprising about  
the apparent lack of interest in the  
case Thursday, the small attendance of  
spectators evidencing that the resi-  
dents of the town and county do not  
care to make a show of what interest  
they have in the case.

About the streets and hotels the peo-  
ple engage in but little conversation about  
the case, the few who are willing to dis-  
cuss the case, being so widely ac-  
quainted with the details of the case.  
It was a foregone conclusion that a jury made  
up of residents of Culpeper county could  
hardly have been obtained, both the By-  
waters and Strother families having  
many relatives in all sections of the  
county.

## Difficulty in Securing Jury.

There is no certainty that a jury will  
be secured from the venire from Shenan-  
doah, however, as the people there are  
probably familiar with the case. Shenan-  
doah county people, it is hoped, will  
take the newspapers rather freely, and  
most of them, it is believed, have fol-  
lowed the case from the day William F.  
Bywaters was shot and killed to the  
present time. Should the court be un-  
able to get the requisite number of qual-  
ified voters in Shenandoah county, it is  
believed Judge Harrison will make an-  
other effort there or in Clarke county or  
Warren county. He prefers a jury from  
his own circuit, being so widely ac-  
quainted there that it will not be neces-  
sary for him to ask many questions about  
the character of the talesmen who are  
present.

Should much trouble be encountered,  
however, in getting a jury from that  
section, the court may send to a county  
in another section of the State. The  
counsel on both sides are hopeful of being  
able to get a jury from the first men-  
tioned county. It is expected that to-  
morrow, however, as they are an-  
xious to have the case tried and dis-  
posed of during the coming week.  
Should the jury be sworn Monday, the  
court will hear the opening address of  
the prosecution, which will probably  
be made by Commonwealth Attorney  
J. A. C. Keith, leaving the defense to  
the State, and no time will then be lost  
in the matter of putting witnesses  
upon the stand.

## Interest in Mrs. Bywaters.

It is likely that an effort will be  
made to crowd the court the day that  
Mrs. Viola Bywaters goes upon the  
stand, as the more curious people are  
anxious to see her and hear what she  
has to say.

It is thought, will be interesting, and  
will probably embody some feature  
that has not yet been made public.

It is believed, however, that the cur-  
ious people will be so disappointed as  
Judge Harrison is almost certain to  
clear the courtroom when she is placed  
on the stand. Mrs. Bywaters is fre-  
quently referred to as the star witness  
for the prosecution, but the defense  
also expects to make a strong case.

She is the only witness who will be able to tell of  
the circumstances which led up to the mar-  
riage and subsequent killing of her  
husband. She will also be able to  
tell of what occurred in the family  
home the night of December 15th, but  
she will be depended upon by her  
brothers, who are on trial for their  
lives and liberty.

It is believed that the case within  
the bounds of the "unwritten law."

Former State Senator Jeffries and his  
associates, R. Walton Moore and John  
L. Lee, feel that her testimony will vir-  
tually determine the guilt or inno-  
cence of the accused brothers. She is  
in a position to tell practically the  
whole story of the case from begin-  
ning to end. This story, it is expected,  
will be brought out by counsel in a  
manner to make the greatest impression  
upon the jury.

## Alleged Refusal to Right Wrong.

It is believed that counsel will dwell  
at length upon the visits paid to Wash-  
ington by the young couple and of the  
refusal of Bywaters to right the wrong  
done to the defense, spent twenty min-  
utes with Thaw earlier in the day. In  
spite of these talks with his counsel  
the prisoner was reported as having  
spent a restless, unhappy day. It is  
well-known that he desires nothing  
less than to undergo a mental exami-  
nation.

That Thaw's fears have some basis  
in fact, was evidenced to-day in a  
statement credited to a court officer.

According to this man, Mrs. William  
Thaw, mother of Harry, ten days ago  
approached the district attorney  
through friends, and expressed her  
willingness that a commission in  
lunacy be appointed. The mother's  
statement was that she was the  
result of having read the harrowing  
story told on the witness stand by her  
daughter-in-law, and the merciless  
cross-examination by Jerome, combined  
with the natural shrinking she felt  
from taking the witness stand herself.  
Mr. Thaw reported that Mr. Jerome, on  
his part, wishes to avoid at this time,  
such drastic action as asking for a  
lunacy commission. He declared in

## JEROME'S TRAP FOR MRS. THAW

Will Put Charles Hart-  
nett on Stand to Con-  
tradict Testimony.

## PHOTOGRAPHER TO FIX THE TIME

Will Attempt to Prove That  
Stanford White Was Not in  
New York on the Day  
Mrs. Thaw Says  
She Was Vic-  
timized.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, February 24.—The  
trump card hidden in the sleeve of  
District Attorney Jerome in the Thaw  
trial is Charles Hartnett, who was sec-  
retary to Stanford White, for several  
years preceding White's murder. Hart-  
nett has turned over to Mr. Jerome  
the most valuable evidence for the  
prosecution. He has armed the dis-  
trict attorney with the full letters  
written by Evelyn Nesbit from  
Paris. It was he who told of a hun-  
dred things that have proved helpful  
in the hard task of destroying the  
wonderful effect of Evelyn Thaw's  
story. At the end of this week, or  
maybe early next week, Hartnett will  
go on the stand. Upon him the dis-  
trict attorney relies to tell the jury  
many things that Stanford  
White in a new and better light, and  
may make Evelyn Nesbit look far  
worse than she has yet appeared.

Hartnett has turned over to Mr. Je-  
rome the letters and notes that Evelyn  
Nesbit wrote in the two years follow-  
ing the drugging episode in the West Twen-  
ty-fourth Street house. It is declared that  
these notes are proof in themselves that  
Evelyn did not look upon Stanford White  
as a man who had despoiled her of her  
honor, but as a man who had been a  
friend and benefactor, and for whom she  
entertained a fond regard.

## To Prove an Alibi.

From Mr. Jerome's office there came  
a statement yesterday to the effect that  
the prosecution will be able to make  
absolute proof that Stanford White was  
not even in New York at the time  
Evelyn Nesbit was drugged. She was  
drugged and outraged by him. There  
has been a hint of this before, but it  
had no color or positiveness until yester-  
day, when it was stated that the  
prosecution was able at last to show a  
complete alibi for Stanford White.

The pictures for which Evelyn Nesbit  
had posed the day before she was  
drugged are the mainstay of the  
White alibi.

On the stand Mrs. Thaw identified  
two pictures which she had taken, be-  
longing from the negative taken the  
day before she was drugged. She said  
the pictures were taken in the East  
Twenty-second Street establishment by  
Photographer Eickenmeyer.

Mr. Jerome, it is said, has had Mr.  
Eickenmeyer look up records of his  
office and has found the exact day  
on which the photographer took the  
two pictures, which Mrs. Thaw swore  
before the jury were taken the day  
before she was drugged. Now, it is  
declared, Mr. Jerome has witnesses to  
prove that Mr. White was out of New  
York City on the day following the  
pictures. Hartnett may be the man  
who will swear to this. Evidently  
Stanford White may be produced to  
show that he was away on business  
at the time.

## PRISONER UNEASY ABOUT COMMISSION

His Counsel Will Fight Jerome's  
Attempt to Have Thaw De-  
clared Insane.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Clifford  
W. Harridge, personal counsel to Harry  
K. Thaw, visited the prisoner at the  
Tomb to-day, and for an hour the two  
discussed various matters, among them,  
it was said, the possibility that the  
prosecution might seek to interrupt the  
cross-examination of the defendant's  
wife when Thaw's trial was resumed to-  
morrow morning. It had been reported,  
though without apparent authority, that  
District Attorney Jerome would shift  
his attack on the defense, and insist  
that the direct examination of Mrs.  
Deomar and Blingman, the alienists for  
the defense, be concluded before the  
State continued its cross-examination of  
Mrs. Thaw. This move would be con-  
sidered as in the direction of an applica-  
tion for a lunacy commission to examine  
Thaw.

This report is said to have reached  
the prisoner and caused him no little  
uneasiness to-day. Mr. Harridge,  
however, was able to assure him that  
Mrs. Thaw's examination would be  
completed before the defense called  
other witnesses. Stipulation to this  
effect had been given by the lawyer said.

## Does Not Desire Examination.

Attorney John B. Gleason, associated  
with the defense, spent twenty min-  
utes with Thaw earlier in the day. In  
spite of these talks with his counsel  
the prisoner was reported as having  
spent a restless, unhappy day. It is  
well-known that he desires nothing  
less than to undergo a mental exami-  
nation.

That Thaw's fears have some basis  
in fact, was evidenced to-day in a  
statement credited to a court officer.

According to this man, Mrs. William  
Thaw, mother of Harry, ten days ago  
approached the district attorney  
through friends, and expressed her  
willingness that a commission in  
lunacy be appointed. The mother's  
statement was that she was the  
result of having read the harrowing  
story told on the witness stand by her  
daughter-in-law, and the merciless  
cross-examination by Jerome, combined  
with the natural shrinking she felt  
from taking the witness stand herself.

Mr. Thaw reported that Mr. Jerome, on  
his part, wishes to avoid at this time,  
such drastic action as asking for a  
lunacy commission. He declared in

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